

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF

The Young Man's Institute.



PHILADELPHIA:

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1856.

At the Annual Meeting of the Contributors of the Young Man's Institute, held on Monday, the 6th of October, 1856, at the office of the Insurance Company of North America, Samuel W. Jones, Esq., in the chair, on motion of Samuel C. Morton, Esq., the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees was accepted, and referred, together with the Treasurer's Account, and the two Reports of the Agent of the Board, to the Secretary, with a request to have 500 copies published and distributed to the Contributors and other friends of the Institute.

HENRY B. TATHAM, *Secretary.*

## R E P O R T .

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TO THE CONTRIBUTORS OF THE YOUNG MAN'S INSTITUTE:—

IN their last annual report, your Board of Trustees expressed the confident hope that the Board of Directors of the Kensington Literary Institute would ere long be enabled to erect a building suitable for the purposes of their Institute. This hope has not been realized; and from the apathy manifested in regard to making efforts to place that Institute in the position for usefulness contemplated when it was originally established, your Board have felt it their duty to notify said Board of Directors that the sum of two thousand dollars, loaned on the personal security of their president for the use of that Institute, must be returned unless they shall, on or before the first day of January next, have taken such steps as will justify your Board in loaning them the full sum of five thousand dollars, originally contemplated.

Should that Institute not be placed in a position, within the period above named, to justify your Board in loaning said sum to it, they would recommend that the funds of the Young Man's Institute not otherwise appropriated be devoted for the payment of the salary of the agent of your Board, for the services of lecturers, and for other purposes calculated to increase the efficiency of the five Institutes now in operation; and they would respectfully ask your authority for said appropriation of the funds named.

The Library and Reading-Room Society of the Twenty-Third Ward have, from causes not fully explained to your Board, delayed carrying into effect the proposed plan of co-operation referred to in the last annual report. A few months will probably determine whether their action will be independent of, or in conjunction with the Young Man's Institute.

The efforts of your Board during the past year have been directed mainly to measures believed by them likely to increase the efficiency of the five Institutes now co-operating. Among these measures, your Board would specially mention the employment of the valuable services of their agent, Prof. Whitaker, in the Schools of Design and as lecturer during the past winter and spring months. His report, appended, contains a brief statement of his labors, to which you are respectfully referred. At his suggestion, your Board despatched him, in the month of August last, on a tour of exploration through our State, for the purpose of obtaining a collection of mineralogical specimens illustrative of her economic geology, for each of the co-operating Institutes. Two journeys, together of about six weeks' duration, have enabled him to accomplish more than half his contemplated object, having placed him in possession of a most valuable collection of specimens of the several varieties of anthracite, of semi-anthracite, semi-bituminous, bituminous, cannel, and splint coals, and of iron ore, limestone, and the other minerals valuable for different departments of the mechanic arts which abound in our State. These specimens Prof. W. is now engaged in arranging and labelling. A brief account of his tour will be found appended. It is designed by your Board that he shall, in the ensuing spring, have the opportunity afforded him to complete his tour of the State; and the full report of his observations on these tours, which he purposes then to submit, will probably be found worthy of publication.

Another measure carried into effect during the past year, and which your Board believe to have been productive of good, is the appointment of a committee of conference, composed of two members of your Board, and of two members of each of the co-operating Boards of Directors. Frequent meetings of this Committee have been held, at which a free interchange of views was made, and the results of the various means adopted in the different Institutes to promote their usefulness stated. Harmony of action among the several Boards has thus been increased, much useful information imparted, and the desponding have been stimulated to renewed efforts by the success which has attended the efforts of others.

The following statistics of the several co-operating district associations present, in a concise form, their present condition

and the measure of their usefulness during the past year. The facts submitted will, it is believed, afford you gratification.

THE SPRING GARDEN INSTITUTE, located at the northeast corner of Broad and Spring Garden Streets.

The lot on which the building of this Institute is erected has a front on Broad Street of one hundred feet, of which thirty-six feet were purchased for \$3,600, and the remaining sixty-four feet were presented by Richard Wistar, Esq., being worth, at the time of presentation, probably \$6,400. The estimated value of the whole lot at time of purchase was about \$10,000, and its present market value is probably several thousands of dollars more.

The building and furniture have cost about \$19,000. The total number of volumes belonging to the library is about 3,250, of which\* were purchased at a cost of \$\* , and\* were presented.

The present indebtedness is \$4,600, viz: \$3,600 on ground rent, and \$1,000 on bond.

The annual income is about \$1,200, derived from the following sources, viz:—

From rent of portions of the building,	\$800 00
From annual contributions, about	300 00
From other sources,	100 00
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	\$1200 00

The number of life members is about 570; the terms of life membership are \$20 for one person, or \$50 in one payment for three members.

The number of annual members is about 150; the terms of annual membership are on the payment of \$2 per annum.

The number of visits made to the reading-room during the year from September 1st, 1855, to August 31st, 1856, inclusive, by parties resorting to it for the purpose of reading, was about 4,500.

There have been loaned to parties for reading at home, during the year above designated, about 3,900 volumes, of which 454 were to females.

\* The queries calling for the information required to fill these blanks, have not been answered by the S. G. I., in time for this publication.

This Institute had in successful operation, from October 1st, 1855, to April 15th, 1856, a school for the instruction of young men in mechanical and architectural drawing, which numbered forty-six pupils. The terms of tuition were \$5 per quarter.

A course of lectures, numbering fifteen, was delivered during last autumn and winter, which were attended by a large and intelligent audience. The generality of these lectures were on literary subjects, a few on familiar science and art. A larger proportion of the latter description, it is believed, would attract a greater number of young men of the working classes.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE OF SOUTHWARK, located on Fifth below Washington Street.

The building belonging to this Institute was erected for a church; and the lot and building were purchased together, subject to an annual ground rent of \$144. The purchase money paid, and the sums since expended for improvements and furniture, amount to about \$3,965. Adding to this the principal, \$2,400, due on ground rent, we have for the total cost of the lot, building, and furniture, the sum of \$6,365.

The number of volumes belonging to the library is about 1,800, of which 1,400 were purchased for \$992 83, and 400 were presented.

This Institute is free from debt; the District of Southwark, as a preliminary step to secure the loan of \$5,000 from the Young Man's Institute to this Institute, having agreed to pay the annual ground rent of \$144, as long as the building shall be used as stipulated; and as said district has, by the act of Consolidation, become incorporated as a part of the City of Philadelphia, it is presumed that due provision will be made by the city councils to meet this obligation.

Its annual income is about \$465, derived from the following sources, viz:—

From rent of portions of the building	.	.	\$100 00
“ annual contributions	.	.	285 00
“ other sources, about	.	.	80 00
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			\$465 00



There are no life members belonging to this Institute; the terms of life membership are the payment of \$20.

The annual members number 285; and the terms of annual membership are \$1 per annum.

The number of visits paid to the reading room during the year from September 1st, 1855, to August 31st, 1856, inclusive, by persons resorting there for the purpose of reading, was about 14,000.

The number of volumes loaned to parties for reading at home, during the period above designated, was 5,235, of which a portion were loaned to females, but no record was kept to distinguish between males and females who used the library.

This Institute has, as yet, had no School of Design in operation.

During the usual lecture season of the past year, twelve lectures on literary and scientific subjects were delivered before this Institute, the numbers attending which and the character of the audience proved satisfactory to the directors.

The report of said Institute to your Board speaks encouragingly of its present position. "Its usefulness," it is stated, "is manifestly on the increase; and more interest is now felt and taken in its operations, by the citizens of the portion of the city where it is located, than has been the case at any period since the first year of its organization."

THE MOYAMENSING LITERARY INSTITUTE, located at the south-east corner of Eleventh and Catharine Streets.

The lot of ground on which the building of this Institute is erected, was purchased for \$1,500.

The total cost of the building and furniture is about \$9,500.

The number of volumes in the library of this Institute is about 2,400, of which 2,200 were purchased at a cost of \$1,200, and 200 volumes were presented.

This Institute is entirely free from debt. Its annual income is about \$574, derived from the following sources, viz:—

From rent of portions of the building	.	.	\$415 00
" annual contributions about	.	.	159 00
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			\$574 00

The number of life members is 102; the terms of life membership, the payment of \$20.

The number of annual members is 159; the terms of annual membership the payment of \$2 per annum, or a contribution of \$10 and an annual payment of \$1.

The number of visits to the reading room during the year from September 1st, 1855, to August 31st, 1856, inclusive, made by persons resorting there for the purpose of reading, was about 13,000. And during this period of time there were loaned to parties for reading at home, upwards of 5,000 volumes, of which some were loaned to females; but no record was kept to distinguish between males and females who took books from the library.

This Institute has, as yet, had no School of Design in operation; and during the last cool season the Board of Directors were so much discouraged by the result of their previous attempts at furnishing lectures for the youth of their district, that they made no provision for the delivery of any. They are, however, now determined to give the matter another trial, and have authorized their Committee on Lectures to arrange for a short course on subjects relating to familiar science; and your Board believe that the attempt will be crowned with success.

The following extract from the report of their President to your Board, cannot fail to gratify all who feel an interest in the elevation of the working classes: "The Board have reason to believe that the Institute has exerted a very beneficial influence over a large mass of those for whose improvement it was projected; and in the increased attention to study, and good behavior of the young men attending the reading-room, as well as in the higher class of works now taken out by the general readers, and the increased interest which is evidently manifested by the members of the Institute, the Board may with confidence express the hope that their exertions have proven satisfactory."

THE PHILADELPHIA CITY INSTITUTE, located at the northeast corner of Chestnut and Eighteenth Streets.

The lot of-ground on which the building of this Institute is erected cost \$11,000.

The total cost of the building and furniture is about \$25,254.



The number of volumes in the library is about 1,450, of which 1,250 were purchased at a cost of \$916, and 200 were presented to the Institute.

The indebtedness of this Institute is \$20,034 06, existing in the following forms, viz:—

Due on ground rent . . . . .	\$5,700 00
“ “ mortgage . . . . .	5,100 00
“ without security of real estate . . . . .	9,234 06
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	\$20,034 06

The annual income is about \$2,087, derived from the following sources, viz:—

From rent of portions of building . . . . .	\$1,737 00
“ annual contributions, about . . . . .	350 00
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	\$2,087 00

There are 245 life members belonging to this Institute; and the terms of life membership are the payment of \$20 for one member; or \$50 in one sum, for three members.

Of contributing and annual members together there are about 300: a contributing member being entitled to a vote in the management of the Institute, paying for the privileges of membership \$2 per annum; and an annual member (who must be a minor) being entitled to the use of the library and admission to the lectures, but not to a vote in the management of the Institute—paying for the privileges of membership \$1 per annum.

During the year from September 1st, 1855, to August 31st, 1856, inclusive, the number of visits paid by persons resorting to the reading-room for the purpose of reading, was about 12,000.

There were loaned, during the period just above named, to persons for home reading, about 8,850 volumes, of which about 150 were to females. The Board of Directors of this Institute design setting apart one afternoon in the week, on which the library shall be open specially for the use of females.

This Institute had a School of Design in operation for about eighteen weeks during last fall and winter, under the tuition of Prof. Whitaker. Though the number of pupils belonging was small—only eleven—the improvement made by several of them was highly gratifying. The terms of tuition were \$3 per quarter. No females attended this school.

The course of lectures delivered before this Institute last season consisted of twenty, generally of a highly interesting and instructive character. The Board design making arrangements for a class of lectures for the approaching season, of a practical character and more particularly adapted to the improvement of young men of the working classes.

In connection with the above named subject, the report of the President of this Institute to your Board, speaks thus of the measure of success which has attended its operations. "Considering the recent date at which our Institute was opened (May, 1855), our Board have good cause for encouragement; but it would not be correct to say that there is not much to improve. \* \* \* The great desideratum appears to be to obtain more of the young working people at the lectures and in the reading-room. \* \* We have an interesting auxiliary association in a School of Debate, composed of about fifty young men, all members of the Institute, which body meets weekly through most of the year, for literary improvement."

THE WEST PHILADELPHIA INSTITUTE, located on William Street, north of Market Street.

The lot of ground on which the building of this Institute stands was purchased for the sum of \$2,450.

The cost of the building and furniture is \$11,114.

The number of volumes in the library is about 2,400, of which 1,725 were purchased at a cost of \$1,218, and the remaining 675 were presented.

The indebtedness of this Institute is 1,797 79, namely:—

Due on ground rent . . . . .	\$900 00
“ without security of real estate . . . . .	897 79
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	\$1,797 79

The annual income is about \$455, derived from the following sources, viz:—

From rent of portions of building . . . . .	\$14 00
“ annual contributions, about . . . . .	387 00
“ other sources, about . . . . .	54 00
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	\$455 00

There are twelve life members, the terms of life membership being the payment of \$20; and 387 annual members, the terms of membership being the payment of \$1 per annum.

During the year from September 1st, 1855, to August 31st, 1856, inclusive, the number of visits paid to the reading-room by those visiting it for the purpose of reading, was about 13,000; and there were loaned to parties, for reading at home, during the period above named, 9,705 volumes, of which 1,890 were taken by females.

A School of Design, under the tuition of Professor Whitaker, was in operation from November 21st, 1855, to June 28th, 1856, the charge for tuition being \$3 per term of three months. The largest number of pupils in attendance was 43, of whom eight were females; and the average attendance of the whole period was 31. The deep interest manifested by the pupils in their studies, and the rapid improvement made by them, were highly gratifying to the Directors.

During the last lecture season there were 23 delivered before this Institute, on literary, scientific and artistic subjects, which commanded large audiences.

In the report of this Institute to your Board, occurs the following passage, which appears to express the views generally held by those who have had experience in providing lectures for young persons and for those whose intellectual pursuits are of limited extent. It is as follows: "With regard to lectures, we observe that those which are illustrated by experiments or diagrams—thus speaking to the eye as well as the ear—are much more popular and much better attended than those of a different class, be they ever so good, which address the ear alone." It is the intention of your Board to use their best endeavors to procure lectures of the class here called for; and they would avail themselves of the present opportunity to call your attention and that of our philanthropic fellow-citizens generally, to the field of usefulness which is here open and upon which so many of our young men who are desirous to do good, might, with a little preparatory training to qualify them for the task, enter and labor successfully.

The Treasurer's Account, appended, exhibits his receipts and payments for the year, and also a general statement of the receipts

and expenditures of the Young Man's Institute from its organization to the present time. The balance to the credit of the Institute, including \$100 borrowed temporarily of Messrs. S. M. Waln & Co., is \$7,018 15, of which \$18 50 are deposited in bank, and \$7,000 are invested in bonds of the Penna. Railroad Company. There is also the sum of \$2,000 loaned to the President of the Kensington Literary Institute for the use of said Institute, and which is to be refunded to your Treasurer should that association not comply with the requirements of your Board, as hereinbefore explained.

Having thus taken a hasty glance at the operations of the several Institutes and of your own Board in detail, it may not be amiss, before closing this report, to sum up these results, in order that you may decide whether your liberality has been expended in vain.

These results, thus summed up, show that there is an aggregate of more than 11,000 volumes in the libraries; that during the past year more than 32,000 volumes have been loaned for home-reading; that more than 48,000 visits were paid to the reading-rooms by parties who partook of the intellectual food there dispensed; that one hundred pupils availed themselves of the valuable privileges afforded, for the culture of the eye and the hand in designing and drawing, by the schools of the Institutes; that sixty-seven lectures on literary, scientific, and artistic subjects, many of them replete with useful information, were listened to by thousands; and that, stimulated by your own generous contribution of more than \$30,000, more than \$50,000 additional have been contributed by our fellow-citizens to help onward the noble work commenced by you. Has your investment, then, been a poor one? Does not the consciousness of having helped to do so much good, of having laid the foundation of a superstructure whose fair proportions are now beginning to rise to view, pay back into your bosoms that which gives more pleasure than cent per cent? We feel assured that we need not await your response. Did we leave the subject here, we should, however, neglect an obvious duty. The future claims our attention. It cannot have escaped your observation, in looking over the preceding statements of the annual

receipts of the several Institutes, that these figures are wonderfully small for the work which they are expected to perform. Nor can the fact which we now present, viz: that the earnings of the industrious mechanic supply but little more than is required for a proper provision for his family, be a new idea to practical philanthropists. To those, then, upon whom a kind Providence has bestowed an abundance of this world's goods, we would appeal for the extension of a fostering hand over the Institutes which you have been instrumental in establishing. All of the libraries call for large additions to their stocks of books—additions of carefully selected books; for the improving taste of the young men who use these libraries is steadily demanding a larger proportion of practically useful works—and your Board cannot doubt but that, the want being known, a generous and enlightened community will promptly supply this deficiency.

By order and on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

WM. WELSH,  
*President.*

Attest: JNO. BIDDLE, *Secretary.*

PHILADELPHIA, *October 6, 1856.*



Dr.

*Young Man's Institute in Account*

1855.				
Nov. 2.	To cash	paid J. B. Lippincott & Co.'s bill books for Mechanics' Ins. of Southwark, by order of Board .	\$268 08	
" 3.	" "	paid T. K. & P. G. Collins for printing Report, etc. (bill dated 1st inst.), by order of Board .	23 34	
" 23.	" "	paid Board of Trustees' draft, this date, favor of W. J. Whitaker, being am't his salary as Agent, for quarter ending 15th inst. .	150 00	
Dec. 22.	" "	paid R. Jackson, for preparing room for meetings of the Board, to date .	13 00	
1856.				
Jan. 8.	" "	returned S. Morris Waln & Co., amount paid by them to W. J. Whitaker, 29th Aug. last, by order of the Board .	\$150 00	
		Amount loan of Nov. 3 .	50 00	
		Interest on above amounts to date .	3 85	
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Feb. 16.	" "	Board of Trustees' draft, favor of W. J. Whitaker, this date (salary for quarter ending 15th inst.)	150 00	
April 4.	" "	W. H. French, President of Philad. City Ins., balance due on order, favor of W. Rhoads, Treasurer, for \$1,000 .	200 00	
" 23.	" "	paid Board of Trustees' draft, dated 15th inst., favor of H. A. Gildea (account Mechanics' Ins. of Southwark) .	150 00	
May 9.	" "	paid Board of Trustees' draft, dated 8th inst., favor of W. J. Whitaker (salary as Agent, for quarter ending 15th inst.) .	150 00	
" 23.	" "	returned S. Morris Waln & Co., amount loans of 2d and 23d Nov., 16th Feb., 4th and 23d April, and 9th May, together .	\$960 00	
		Interest on above to date .	16 10	
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Aug. 4.	" "	reimbursed S. Morris Waln & Co., for their payment 28th ult., of Board of Trustees' draft of same date, favor of W. J. Whitaker (being part amount authorized to be expended in procuring Mineralogical specimens, &c. .	\$150 00	
		Interest (7 days.) .	17	
			<hr/>	150 17
Sept. 17.	" "	reimbursed S. Morris Waln & Co., for their payment of Board of Trustees' draft, dated 21st ult., favor of W. J. Whitaker, being amount of his salary for quarter ending 15th same .	\$150 00	
		Interest (22 days.) .	55	
			<hr/>	150 55
" "	" "	paid John Biddle, amount of his bill stationery, advertising, &c., of 15th inst. .	\$7 82	
		Less amount his annual subscription .	5 00	
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" 18.	" "	balance .	18 50	
			<hr/>	\$2,606 41

Examined and approved this nineteenth day of September, 1856 (the last two checks, amounting to \$153 37, not having been returned by the Bank).

NATHAN EDSON,  
ISRAEL MORRIS,  
*Committee.*

with *S. Morris Waln, Treasurer.*

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1855.									
Sept. 25.	By	balance	account	rendered	.	.	.	.	\$65 22
Nov. 2.	"	cash	received	of S. Morris Waln & Co.,	on	loan	.	.	210 00
" 3.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	.	50 00
" 23.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	.	150 00
1856.									
Jan. 8.	"	"	"	of S. Morris Waln & Co.,	amount	of	int.		
				on \$8,000 P. R. R. bonds	(collected	by			
				them 2d inst.)	.	.	.	.	240 00
Feb. 16.	"	"	"	of S. Morris Waln & Co.,	on	loan	.	.	100 00
April 4.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	.	200 00
" 23.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	.	150 00
May 9.	"	"	"	"	"	"	.	.	150 00
" 23.	"	"	"	of Thos. Biddle & Co.,	for	\$1,000	P. R. R.		
				mortgage bonds, @ 98 $\frac{1}{4}$	.	\$982	50		
				Less $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ brokerage	.	.	2	50	
									980 00
Aug. 4.	"	"	"	of S. Morris Waln & Co.,	amount	of	int.		
				on \$7,000 P. R. R. bonds,	collected	1st			
				ult.	.	.	.	\$210	00
				Interest (34 days)	.	.	1	19	
									211 19
Sept. 17.	"	"	"	of S. Morris Waln & Co.,	on	loan	.	.	100 00

1856.									\$2,606 41
Sept. 18.	"	balance	in	hands	of	Treasurer,	on	deposit	in
		Commerce	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$18 50

E. &amp; O. E.

PHILADELPHIA, September 18, 1856.

S. MORRIS WALN, *Treasurer.*

## GENERAL STATEMENT.

*The Young Man's Institute in Account with S. M. Waln, Treasurer.*

## Dr.

To cash loaned to the five co-operating Institutes; drawing no interest	\$25,765 44
“ loaned to John P. Verree, Esq., for the Kensington Literary Institute; drawing no interest . . . . .	2,000 00
“ paid salary of agent for one year and three months . . . . .	750 00
“ “ on account of expense of geological tour of agent . . . . .	150 00
“ “ for printing and other incidental expenses . . . . .	417 19
“ balance \$6,918 50, viz:—	
In bonds of Penna. R. R. Co. . . . .	\$7,000 00
Cash in bank . . . . .	18 50
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	\$7,018 50
Less this sum borrowed of S. M. Waln & Co.	100 00
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	6,918 50
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	\$36,001 13

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By cash received from contributors . . . . .	\$30,750 00
“ “ “ interest on investments . . . . .	\$5,473 43
Less interest paid on borrowed money . . . . .	\$67 30
“ loss on realization of investments . . . . .	155 00
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	222 30
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	5,251 13
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	\$36,001 13

E. and O. E.      PHILADELPHIA, September 18, 1856.

S. MORRIS WALN, *Treasurer.*

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## AGENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE YOUNG MAN'S INSTITUTE:—

GENTLEMEN: During the past year, the several Institutes in connection with the Young Man's Institute have, I think, been growing in usefulness, in some instances very slowly, in others with more rapidity, all, however, making some progress.

In two of the Institutes new features have been introduced, viz: schools of design, and classes for instruction in geology, &c. These experiments have been attended with success, satisfactory to all concerned, and will serve to give renewed strength for greater efforts.

It has become a settled question that such institutions are a necessary part of our educational requirements; they serve as a wholesome intellectual incentive to the young and the old engaged in the mechanical pursuits of life.

The reading rooms and libraries are doing their work faithfully and surely: still, greater attractions are required to win our city youth within the walls of the Institutes; and that in the shape of instruction so imparted, as to produce in the mind pleasure, as well as progress. The difficulty in the way is chiefly the want of instructors, able and willing to devote a portion of their time to this ennobling work. That they exist, is beyond all doubt; and, if some dozen could be found who would join in the enterprise, even for a single season, success and permanency would be insured.

The schools of the Spring Garden, the West Philadelphia, and the City Institutes, produced, during the past season, the following results:—

The Spring Garden drawing classes, limited to 20, were full during the whole term.

The West Philadelphia School of Design, during its first term, had 43 students, and an average nightly attendance of 36; during the second term, 34 students, and an average attendance of 27. In the Geology class of the Institute, there were 11 students, with an average attendance of 10 each night of meeting.

The School of Design of the City Institute, with 13 students, had an average of over 11 through the term.

Such is the result of one winter; and I would remark that the students came from quite long distances, in many instances, and were prompt and faithful in the execution of the labors assigned to them.

The attendance has increased at all of the Reading Rooms, and the libraries are generally well used. The class of books taken out would be, I am convinced, of a higher order, were channels of usefulness for the information to be derived, pointed out to the readers.

The class of readers has been increased in the right direction, namely, the young; and every inducement that can be held out to allure them within the walls of the Institutes, where useful information may be acquired, and where good influences surround them, should be used to win them there, as it will be the most effectual means to prevent the growth of vice and wickedness.

The Lectures have been, on the whole, well attended. Those lectures which give food to the eye, as well as the understanding, are the most popular, and draw the largest audiences. Such, doubtless, are the most fruitful in making impressions on the mind, for there is always something beyond mere intellect to be gratified.

Only three out of five of the Institutes, in active operation, it will be observed, have provided instruction by means of schools. Their example, I feel assured, might be followed by the others with benefit. Southwark offers a large field for such operations; and Moyamensing is equally important. These districts probably require more energy and activity on the part of the managers of their Institutes, than any of the others, and it is to be hoped that they will receive a double share.



I confidently anticipate for all, during the coming season, extended growth and importance, and feel certain that these Institutions will prove not only means of personal advancement, but also of extending the greatness and importance of the City and State.

With much respect, I remain

Yours, right faithfully,

WM. J. WHITAKER, *Agent*.

PHILADA., Sept. 29, 1856.

P. S. One of the members of the West Philadelphia Institute, now in Iowa City, is making strenuous efforts to establish an Institute on the same basis as those under your auspices, and meets with such encouragement, as makes him sanguine of success. The Iowa City Institute will probably be one of the first fruits of the bread you have "cast upon the waters, to find after many days."

BRIEF REPORT  
OF  
GEOLOGICAL TOUR THROUGH PENNSYLVANIA,  
BY THE  
AGENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

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TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE YOUNG MAN'S INSTITUTE:—

GENTLEMEN: I started from Philadelphia at the close of July, to fulfil your intentions for collecting specimens illustrative of the Economic Geology of the State, and during the time absent upon the excursion, sent home fifteen cases of minerals collected in the eastern and the western portions of the State.

The route followed on the first portion of the journey, was as follows: from Philadelphia, *via* Pottsville, Ashland, Mount Carmel, Shamokin, Sunbury, Danville, Bloomsburg, Wilkesbarre, and Pittston, to Scranton. On the second part, *via* Broad Top, Pittsburg, Remington, Darlington, Enon Valley, Newcastle, Butler, and Winfield Furnace, to Freeport. The time occupied in the two journeys was six weeks. During the first, I collected specimens of the anthracite, and semi-anthracite, of the eastern basins; also, the iron ores and limestones, and a very valuable collection of the fossils of the coal formations.

In the second journey I collected the bituminous, semi-bituminous, splint, and cannel coals, iron ores, limestone, and such other material as is used for practical purposes.

During both journeys I noted the modes of working, the prices current at the mines and depôts, the dip, the overlying and underlying masses, and all such particulars as it was possible to obtain.

I also procured sections of the geological formation, whenever I could obtain them from observation, or otherwise.

Everywhere, on these journeys, I received the utmost kindness and cordiality from the mine proprietors and workers. An explanation of the object of the Association for which the collection was made, was all-sufficient to insure all the assistance, direction, and information, desirable. The importance of the movement in a utilitarian, as well as scientific view, seemed to present itself to all I came in contact with, and opened up sources of investigation otherwise not easily obtainable.

This week I shall commence the unpacking and labelling of the specimens, and hope within a month to place them at your disposal for distribution.

As soon as the collection is completed, I will, in accordance with the resolution passed, render a full, detailed account of the operations, together with a series of sections, for your disposal.

The central collection will be one of the most complete I am acquainted with, and certainly the fullest open to public inspection, anywhere in the State.

Hoping that the objects for which the collection was made, will be thereby advanced, and that the wealth of the Keystone State, as well as the boundless field it offers for exertion and enterprise on the part of her sons, will thereby be placed before the eyes of many of them,

I remain

Yours right faithfully,

WM. J. WHITAKER.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 29, 1856.

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